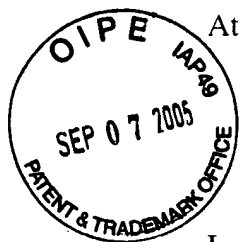


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated March 8, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-24. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. A check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed. A Petition for a 3 (three) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) was filed August 26, 2005 of which a copy is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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